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SAFE-CRACKERS AT WORK AGAIN

The Office of S. H. Hawes & Co. Entered and Much Damage Done, But Little Taken.

Secret service men and other policemen are hunting industriously for the safe-crackers who operated in a notable fashion on S. H. Hawes and Company's safe early yesterday morning. They think the work was done by a local gang, two of whom are now under arrest, John Burns and Robert Moore, who were taken in charge by Detective Wilshire last Saturday night.

These two men were in a party of five at Eighth and Cary Streets. The detective arrested the two, but the others made their escape. It is believed the "others" were the ones who did the job at Hawes's, and with those under arrest at the three places near Harrison and Broad Streets several months ago. The work was done in the same manner. The two men under arrest are held at jail for investigation.

Hawes's safe was battered to pieces, almost with a sledge hammer and a chisel, stolen from Pavy's blacksmith shop, at No. 150 Cary Street. Hardly \$5 in small change was taken. The firm's money is deposited in bank every day, so there was little for the thieves. They were after cash only, as a cash register and a pistol, and the firm's papers were untouched.

Entrance to the office was gained through a broken panel in a side door, leading to a hall and staircase. Then a small person must have been hoisted through the little office window, after which the office door was opened.

Officer Crump, one of the most careful men on the force, was in the neighborhood several times during the night and early morning, and Captain Whitlock was near the place between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. Everything seemed quiet all night, and it was a great surprise to the officers when they learned of the robbery early yesterday morning. The firm's damage is the battered safe, the broken door and the loss of about \$5 in change.

COURT ADJOURNS.

Opinion Handed Down in One Case Argued at This Term.

The United States Court of Appeals yesterday completed the business of the term and adjourned until autumn. Judges Coffey, Braxton and Payne, who were sitting, adjourned the business of the term.

One case was argued yesterday and submitted, and another submitted on appeal. An opinion was written in one case reversing the lower court.

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This ended the list of cases to be considered at the term, and the court adjourned yesterday, the judges leaving for their homes. They will have a number of cases in which to prepare opinions before the next term.

Marshal Morgan Treat and his force was busy yesterday signing warrants for the pay of the court officials and employees for the term.

Judge Edmund Waddill was at his office in the Federal building yesterday. He did not hold court, but the business of both the District and Circuit Court is well up.

THE LIBRARY PLANS.

Collections of Books Soon to be Sent Out in the State.

The State Library will be kept open in the evenings until 10 for three more days and then for three months it will be closed at night, owing to the hot weather. The library is now equipped with electric fans, which contribute much to the comfort of visitors and readers.

Plans for the issue of books in traveling libraries in any portion of the State are now about perfected. The books will be sent out on petition of any taxpayer. They are sent out in neat oak cases and packed to prevent injury to the books. Fifty volumes constitute a library, the first of which will be sent out during the coming week.

Historic manuscripts and records, gathered among the archives of the State, will soon be displayed in cases for their reception in the west end of the library. The number of visitors to the building continues gratifyingly large.

THE CAPITOL WORK.

Enlargement and Reconstruction Almost Ready to Begin.

The architects are not yet ready with the working plans and specifications for the improvements and additions to the Capitol, but are expected to complete them in a few days. As soon as the plans are completed and approved bids will be asked for the construction work, and contracts will be let at once, signaling the foundation for the two wings the members of the committee are confident that the improvements along the lines projected can be made

within the available appropriation. Just when the work will actually be begun it is yet too early to say, but it is expected that the entire building, including the new wings and the rehabilitated old structure, will be ready for occupancy by the time the General Assembly convenes in January, 1905.

As soon as the buildings are ready to begin work the Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth and other State officials in the Capitol will have to vacate, and other quarters are now being sought.

GO TO WASHINGTON.

About Sixteen Telegraph Operators Here Have to Move.

The transfer of the relay offices of the Postal Telegraph Company to Washington and the removal of the office of the superintendent to that city have necessitated the departure in the same direction of about sixteen of the operators here. The amount of business handled in Richmond will be greatly reduced, and will be almost altogether local. Among the young men compelled by the change to move are several well known throughout the city and their friends will regret exceedingly to see them go. Chief Operator Thomas Parley left for Washington several days ago, and also Mr. C. P. Davies, formerly chief clerk to Mr. Kates, now chief clerk to Superintendent Riddle. The other operators, who will leave, are the following: Messrs. E. W. Vaiden, I. L. Adkins, E. A. Arnold, W. A. L. Arnett, A. L. Barham, F. A. Booth, M. M. Canada, E. W. Crew, H. W. Dutcher, M. C. Keister, A. L. Kennedy, P. O'Leary, J. T. Owens and I. A. Talley.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Interesting Exercises To-morrow Morning at Broad Street Church

The Children's Day exercises of the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church will be held to-morrow morning in the auditorium of the church at 11 o'clock. A very interesting program has been arranged, and will be rendered as follows:

Recitation, "Consecration," by John Buck Recitation, "Birds of Paradise," by several little girls.

Recitation, "Starless Crown," by Maggie Bryant. Recitation, "Contentment," by five little girls.

Recitation, "Foolish Wishes," by three little girls. Recitation, Master's Helper, by three little boys.

A march by the entire infant class down the center aisle, at which time they will recite together a special selection for the occasion.

The pulpit will be decorated in palms and flowers. The above program will be interspersed with music by the school. All Sunday school workers as well as the general public are cordially invited to attend.

BASE-BALL AT NIGHT.

Indian Team to Play Brownies at 8 P. M. on July 4th.

Messrs. Bradley and Donati, owners of Broad Street Park, have signed the Chicago Varsity Club, a team of genuine redskins, for two games of ball here on the fourth of July.

The novel feature of the engagement is the fact that the clubs play ball at night as well as in the daytime. Two games will be played, one in the afternoon, the other in the evening.

The team carries fifty are lamps of 1,000 light candle power each, which will make the field light enough to play by night.

The Indians and the famous Brownies, and the afternoon game will probably be played by the Richmonds and the Indians.

NO EXTRA CHARGE.

Corporation Commission Rules Against Railroad Company.

In hearing out the original ruling, the Corporation Commission has decided that the R. E. and P. Railroad Company, nor any other company, could charge extra for equipment of cars that were in the less than forty-eight hours.

The case in point was that of George T. King against the R. E. and P. He was charged \$1 for car service in reshipping a car of corn received by way of the R. E. and P.

STRUCK BY A CAR.

Mr. John Gibson, Jr., Severely Injured—Recently Married.

Mr. John Gibson, Jr., yet in his honeymoon, was struck by a car of the Chesapeake and Ohio Company yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. He was considerably bruised about the body and his left leg was broken.

Mr. Gibson was taken to the Memorial Hospital, where it was reported last night he was resting comfortably. He lives at No. 30 East Clay Street. He has been married but a few months.

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FACTIONS WILL ARRAY

What Will Happen at State Convention Depends Mainly on Who Controls.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE "PLUMS"

Some Guesses, Based on Plans of Politicians, as to Winners of Honors.

Indications now are that John J. Lynch, of this city, may be the only member of the State Central Democratic Committee for the Third District to be re-elected. Colonel John S. Harwood, of this city, is understood to be in the field for re-election, but the opposition claims a majority of the city delegation with great confidence. Clyde W. Saunders, a former member of the committee, is a candidate for his old seat, but is being opposed by some of the delegates. It is confident that he will control enough votes to win. Others claim that whether or not Mr. Saunders be chosen, Colonel Harwood will not be. He will be supported by the anti-Martin element of the delegation, while the majority of the Martin men are believed to be favorable to Mr. Saunders.

In Henrico county the selection of delegates is regarded as insuring the re-election of Sheriff Solomon, an ex-member of the committee, to his old seat.

The other two members of the District Committee are now from Chesterfield and Hanover, but it is not certain at all that their successors will also be. General, King William and New Kent may claim representation on the committee, one or all of them. Mr. Cogbill, the present committeeman from Chesterfield, has stated to friends that he does not desire re-election.

Among the young men urged for the place, Mr. Robert S. Rives, of Manchester, stated yesterday that he would be a candidate for committeeman, and it also is said that Chesterfield will have a candidate.

Mr. J. P. Owen, Jr., has also been mentioned for the committee, but he is quoted as favoring the selection of Mr. Bradley, Hanover, will present one or more aspirants to succeed Mr. Cogbill. A very interesting program has been arranged for the committee for this county. Mr. E. L. C. Scott, a former member of the committee, is strongly urged, and Mr. Horace G. Buchanan is also suggested.

FOR DISTRICT ELECTORS. Mr. Thomas B. Hicks, of this city, are both candidates for the position of district elector, and so far as known no one from the counties of the district is signified to do so.

Both gentlemen have considerable following among the Richmond delegates and will divide the vote of this city.

For delegates from this district to St. Louis, Mr. C. V. Meredith and Mr. P. Cogbill are the only names prominently mentioned, but others are expected to aspire for the honor Senator Henry T. Wickham, of Hanover, is mentioned also. Richmond electors will probably be conceded one delegate, and if the delegation with anything like unanimity stands by Mr. Meredith, his selection will be assured. Some are urging the selection of Mr. Meredith in the interest of harmony.

For delegates-at-large from this State to St. Louis there is much speculation. It is possible that the four delegates may be evenly divided between the two factions of the party.

Of the old and new delegates, it cannot be known with any degree of certainty who will be the choice until sufficient delegates have been chosen to indicate which faction will dominate the convention.

It is expected that the two delegates will be delegates, whoever elected. Old observers of politics contend that it has not been customary to send the Governor as a delegate-at-large, and that it was done for the first time in recent years when Hon. H. P. Hoge was sent to the Kansas City convention. This was done in the interest of harmony. So far as known, there is no outspoken opposition to Governor Montague as one of the four State delegates.

THE FOURTH PLACE. For the other three seats to be no agreement. Congressman Jones, who has been suggested, was a delegate-at-large four years ago, but he would have a strong following. It is desired to again send Congressman Harry L. Maynard, if understood, desires to go as a delegate-at-large, and one county at least (Elizabeth City) has instructed for him. It is likely that Portsmouth will do the same, and possibly other counties in the district.

For the fourth place, a Caperton Braxton, of Augusta, is being urged as a delegate-at-large. Colonel Joseph Burton, of the Tenth District Committee, stated some time ago that unless Mr. Braxton were made a delegate, the Tenth District delegates, and that Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, whose legal residence is in Nelson, will probably be the other. Besides the two senators and the Governor, those oftenest spoken of as delegates-at-large are Mr. Jones, Mr. Braxton and Mr. Maynard.

The Southwest will probably make a claim for one of the four, however.

For electors-at-large Judge Samuel W. Williams, of Westville, will be urged by his friends, and State Senator Archer A. Phlegar is also mentioned; while Hon. H. St. George Tucker is believed to be willing to serve his party in this arduous and thankless capacity.

While the list put forward by candidates for elector-at-large is unusual for both to be chosen from the western section of the State, Messrs. Williams, Tucker and Phlegar are all from the western half of the State.

Judge Phlegar, while not a seeker for the place, is being urged by his friends as willing to accept the post if it is tendered him. He will, however, enter into no scramble for the place. He is a warm and able champion of the maintenance of the primary plan.

If Tidewater Virginia, with any unanimity, urge a man for elector-at-large, he will probably be given consideration. While he is not known to be a candidate for the honor, State Senator J. Boyd Sears, of Matthews, has been suggested as a man who would make a fine stump for the State-at-large.

Few names have been suggested as delegates or electors for the other districts of the State. In fact, until it is seen whether the old or the new organization controls, it is hardly necessary to speculate thereon.

The Governor Away. Governor Montague delivered an address yesterday morning before the graduating class at the Franklin Institute, in Southampton county. At night he su-

pressed the veterans of Thomas Smith High School, V. A. Suffolk. He will return to the city this morning.

PEAS HULLED AND PACKED BY MACHINE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HARRISBURG, Pa., May 27.—The Peas Hulled and Packed by Machine Company, of this place, has installed the improved machinery for hulling and packing English peas for this season.

The new process is not large, in accordance with this year's very promising yield. Peas have already begun to ripen, and it is expected that the company will be turning extra boats to carry peas exclusively.

Tazewell, Va.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TAEZEWELL, Va., May 27.—Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Chapman have both been quite ill at their home on Main Street the past week. Their daughter, Mrs. A. B. Buchanan, of Benbow, has been at their bedside.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Mr. Will Painter, of Five Oaks, to Miss Kate Reed, sister of Mrs. Rowen Watts, of the same place, for June 1st. The approaching marriage also of Mr. Charles Creed, of Tazewell, to Miss Hertha Estelle Wood, both of Pocahontas, has been announced for the first of June.

Messrs. Kinzer and Vermillion, stone-workers of Tazewell, have commenced work on the retaining walls for the new bridge, which are to be built from the corner of Main Street to a point opposite H. P. Smith's residence.

The Tazewell Street Railway Company will be commenced at once. A Rev. R. C. Elmore, pastor of the Christian Church, has moved his family to North Tazewell. They have been occupying the Baptist parsonage while the new house was under construction.

Dr. J. R. Gildersleeve has sold his fine residence on Main Street to Mr. W. G. Harrison, who has moved his family to Harrison has been occupying this residence for the past four years.

Joseph S. Moss has begun work on a handsome residence to be built on the lot opposite ex-Senator St. Clair's.

The Mining Institute of Pocahontas held its annual meeting Thursday night at Mr. B. E. Fredwell's. A very interesting paper was read by Mr. Fredwell on the use of telephone in the mines.

The institute has only been organized a short while and much good is said to have been derived from it.

A Woman Drops Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TAEZEWELL, Va., May 27.—Gemma Hamilton's wife, a colored woman, living at this place, fell dead in her house yesterday. She was a large, healthy looking woman, apparently in good health.

James Washington's wife (colored) was at the house at the same time and she fell unconscious, but later revived.

Mr. W. C. Hamner, a prominent farmer near this place, has meadow oats six feet tall. Nearly all the farmers are ready for planting tobacco and waiting for a season.

The George W. Brice Lumber Company has begun work on the new saw and gauge railroad from this place, which it connects with the Norfolk and Western, to the "Cahoon's" tract of timber, a distance of seven or eight miles. It is a fine body of timber, and a large quantity of it will be shipped to coal fields for fuel.

Corinth Methodist Episcopal Church has been handsomely decorated for "Children's Day" next Sunday.

Secures Children With Warrant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TAEZEWELL, Va., May 27.—Rev. W. J. Maybee, State superintendent of the Children's Home Society of Virginia, has secured a warrant for the arrest of a woman looking after several dependent children, whose parents have been living at this place, and who were in the hands of a woman who was a week or two ago. These children were promised Mr. Maybee when he was here some time ago.

When he went after them yesterday he found that their grandmother had taken the children away. In company with the police he went to the Top of the Rock and brought them back to Tazewell and lodged them for Richmond on the afternoon train.

COURTHOUSE NOT WORTH REPAIRING

Architects Invited to Confer With Board in Regard to a New One.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LOUISA, Va., May 27.—D. Wiley Anderson, architect of Richmond, who was employed to examine the courthouse building of this county, certified to the board of supervisors here to-day that in his opinion the building is not worth repairing, whereupon the board by unanimous vote decided upon having a new building erected, and fixed upon the 13th day of June at 1 o'clock to confer with architects, who will be invited here on that date in regard to plans and specifications.

The Democratic County Committee has ordered a meeting of the Democrats of Louisa county, June 4th, at 3 P. M., to select delegates to attend the State Convention.

Mrs. Alice Thomson is critically ill at the Louisa Hotel. She is suffering with partial paralysis.

An Evening of Enjoyment. Mrs. Landon Tucker and her school will give an entertainment in the almshouse chapel next Tuesday night for the enjoyment of the inmates. All are looking forward to the occasion with anticipation of much pleasure.

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WILL TEST RIP RAPS

United States Government Will Put Old Fortifications to Severe Test of Heavy Firing.

FATE OF ISLAND IN BALANCE

If Ante-Bellum Fortress Won't Stand Test War Department Will Allow It to Sink.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The War Department is preparing to decide for all time the question of the value of the fortifications on the Rip Raps in Hampton Roads. The fortifications, known as Fort Wool, of the war between the States, held the key to Hampton Roads and the Elizabeth and James Rivers, as well as Chesapeake Bay. If the fortifications could be made all they were designed to be by the engineers who planned them, they would be of greater protection to Norfolk, Newport News, Washington and Baltimore than Fort Monroe is.

It is the intention of the War Department to subject the fortifications on the Rip Raps to several tests of heavy firing this summer, and if they do not stand it they will be abandoned for good and the lone watchman, who has been kept at the fort ever since the erection of the fortifications, will be withdrawn, and the island will be allowed to sink beneath the waves as soon as the encroaching element can claim them. A million dollars or more has been spent in trying to make the Rip Raps an impregnable fortress.

SAY FORT MONROE IS ANTIQUATED. Fort Monroe is popularly supposed to be the strongest American fortress. Indeed, it is claimed to be one of the strongest places in the world. There are some military men who doubt this, and say that the national capital will have to look to other protection than the celebrated fort when national war comes upon us.

The antiquated stone walls are of no value as defense, and it is upon the disappearing batteries that the men who hold the fort against an enemy will have to depend when the attack is made. It is generally realized that the stone walls of the Rip Raps are the key to the defense of Chesapeake Bay. The doubt is as to whether the island itself will withstand the recoil of the guns. It is said to be sinking slowly but surely, notwithstanding that new material is being carried thither constantly.

The island is all made land. In the last century it was the spot where all the boats of the Chesapeake Bay came to anchor, and finally the bulk of these deposits rose above the waves and assumed the dignity of an island.

It was realized at once on the outbreak of the war between the States that this little island was the key to Hampton Roads, and it was promptly fortified. Ever since that time efforts, of a somewhat half-hearted nature, have been made to make it impregnable, but not until now has there ever been an effort planned to see if the game is really worth the candle.

The Rip Raps are in the channel midway between Fort Monroe and Sewell's Point. The site of the Jamestown Exposition, on the latter point, is the site of the Monitor met the Merrimack only a very short distance from the Rip Raps, and engaged her in a battle, which was the first fight in which armor clad vessels met.

These features of the locality will be the most interesting in connection with the exposition, excepting the site of the first settlement at Jamestown, more than fifty miles up the river. It is generally agreed that Congress will make a liberal appropriation to aid the exposition. The settlement of Jamestown and the establishment of the first Anglo-Saxon government in the new world is the greatest event in American history, and the entire country, irrespective of political leanings or sectional pride, appears to be united in saying that it should be properly commemorated.

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